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**Inmate Death at FCI Williamsburg**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, inmate Joe Adams was transported from the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Williamsburg to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation of a pre-existing medical condition. On Friday, January 1, 2021, Mr. Adams tested positive for COVID-19 while at the local hospital. Mr. Adams' condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Friday, January 22, 2021, Mr. Adams, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Adams was a 64-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of North Carolina to a 94-month aggregated sentence for Bank Robbery. He had been in custody at FCI Williamsburg since July 24, 2020.

FCI Williamsburg is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,358 male offenders.

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